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1. Dr. Hutschonecker of the Central Commercial Bureau of USIA was offered the following by the Vienna agent of the Belgium firm of Max Durstin (the Vienna agent resides in Vienna 20, Gerhardsgasse 26). Prices are quoted per unit in Belgian francs and Austrian schillings:

70,000 number 89 rifles at 720 francs, plus 100 schillings;
50,000 number 2 rifles at 1300 francs, plus 150 schillings;
1,000 number 2 machine guns at 8400 francs, plus 1,000 schillings;
300 Oerlikon 20 mm guns at 220,000 francs, plus 10 per cent in schillings;
600 semi-automatic rapid-firing 24 mm anti-tank guns at 114,000 francs, plus 10 per cent in schillings;
10 automatic rapid-firing Solom 6 mm guns at 124,000 francs, plus 10 per cent in schillings;
6,000 7.5 mm automatic revolvers at 722 francs, plus 300 schillings;
200 complete radar installations at 4500 U.S. dollars, plus 1500 schillings.

2. USIA has cabled Moscow and advised Durstin that it is not interested in any items except radar units. A Central Commercial Bureau agent will negotiate the price and method of delivery sometime during the next 10 to 14 days in Zurich or Antwerp with Durstin's representatives.
3. The Central Commercial Bureau has also been offered 600,000 AA shell-timing devices at eight schillings a piece by Lotte Rubin whose address is Vienna 15, Mariahilferstrasse 223. Rubin has also asked USIA to name a price for 3,000 grams of uranium nitrate. She claims that 1,000 grams are already available in Vienna, and that she can procure the remaining 2,000 grams.

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